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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1302**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Williams**

February 18, 2011

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~~An act relating to energy.~~ *An act to add Section 713 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to electricity.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1302, as amended, Williams. ~~Energy: renewable energy technologies.~~ *Electricity distribution grid upgrade plan.*

*(1) Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations.*

*The bill would require an electrical corporation to complete a distribution grid upgrade plan, pursuant to a specified schedule, in order to accommodate the increasing number of wholesale distributed generation projects expected to be created under new and existing renewable energy programs.*

*Because a violation by an electrical corporation of the bill's requirements would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.*

*(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.*

*This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.*

~~Existing law establishes various programs to encourage the development of renewable energy technologies.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a program to support emerging renewable technologies in distributed generation, with specified objectives.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.

State-mandated local program: ~~no~~-yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. *Section 713 is added to the Public Utilities Code,*  
2     *to read:*

3     713. (a) *As used in this section, “wholesale distributed*  
4     *generation” means renewable energy generation that interconnects*  
5     *to the distribution grid and provides electricity to an electrical*  
6     *corporation.*

7     (b) *An electrical corporation shall complete a distribution grid*  
8     *upgrade plan, extending for a three-year period from the date of*  
9     *completion of the plan, in order to accommodate the increasing*  
10    *number of wholesale distributed generation projects expected to*  
11    *be created under new and existing renewable energy programs.*  
12    *The first plan shall be due no later than July 1, 2012. An updated*  
13    *plan shall be due every two years thereafter. Interested parties*  
14    *shall be allowed to comment on each plan prior to its finalization.*

15    SEC. 2. *No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to*  
16    *Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because*  
17    *the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school*  
18    *district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or*  
19    *infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty*  
20    *for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of*  
21    *the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within*  
22    *the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California*  
23    *Constitution.*

24    ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~  
25    ~~legislation to establish a new program to support emerging~~  
26    ~~renewable technologies in distributed generation, with the~~  
27    ~~objectives of reducing peak demand, reducing greenhouse gas~~

1 ~~emissions, enhancing grid reliability, and encouraging fuel~~  
2 ~~diversity.~~

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